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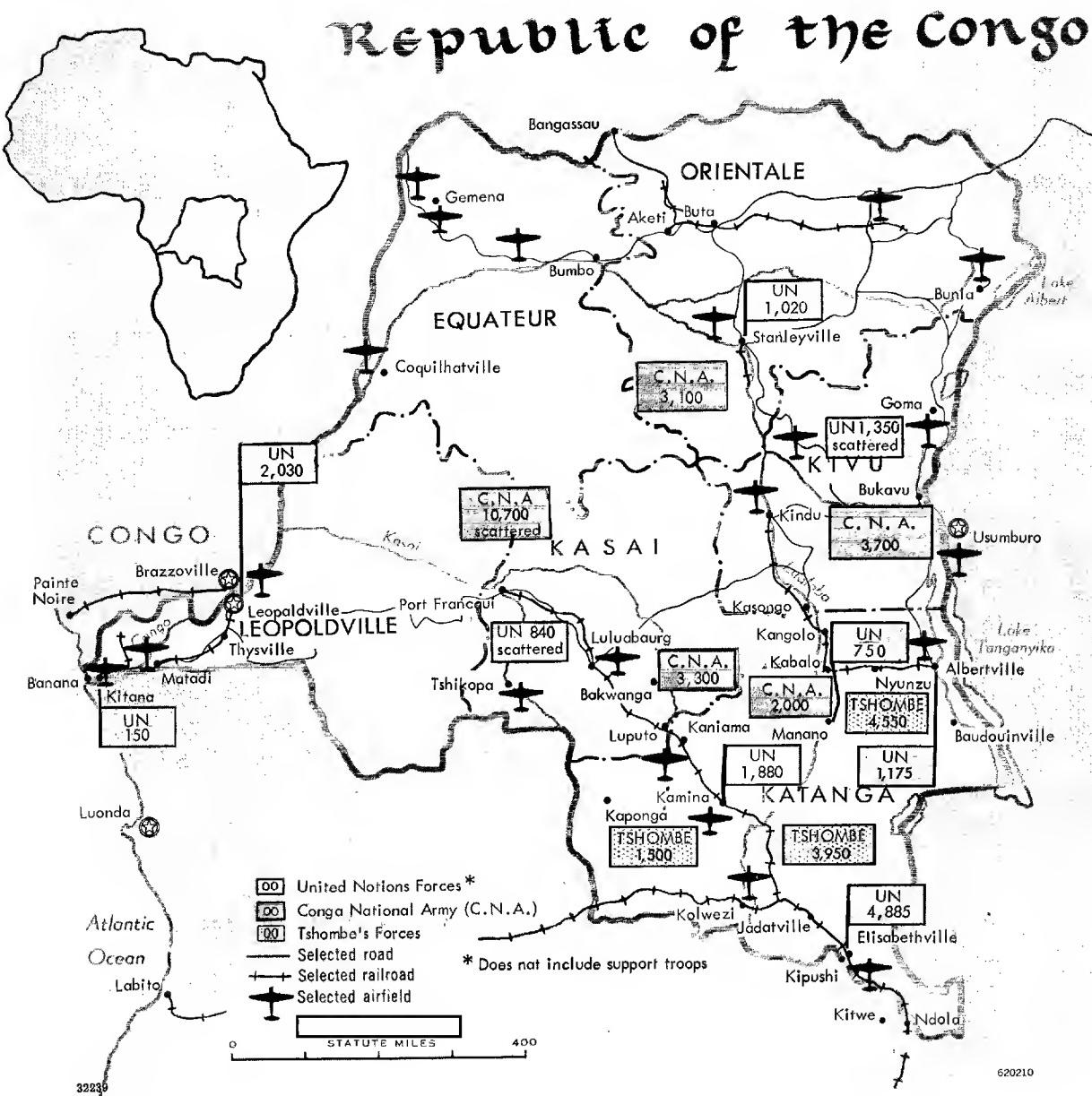
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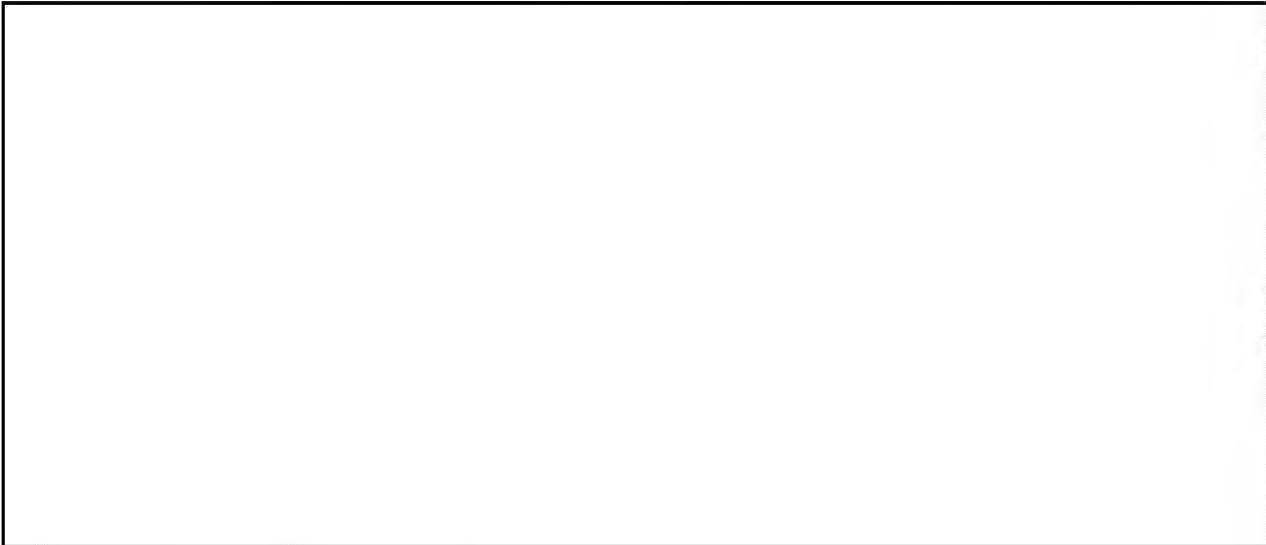
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Congo: A UN official in Leopoldville told the US Embassy on 8 February that Tshombé had agreed in principle to the stationing of a battalion of UN troops each in Jadotville, Kolwezi, and Kipushi. Tshombé, however, in conversations with UN officials in Elisabethville, has emphasized that any introduction of UN forces into Jadotville and Kolwezi should be carefully prepared, and has warned of the possibility of resistance. Jose Rolz-Bennet, the senior UN official in Elisabethville, has also indicated concern over the possibility of Katangan resistance if UN troops are sent to these points.

Rolz-Bennet advised the US Consulate on 8 February that the first of several joint UN-Katangan inspection teams

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concerned with the expulsion of mercenaries from Katanga--  
will leave shortly for Kipushi.

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Czechoslovakia: Politburo member and Deputy Premier Rudolf Barak was expelled from the party and his government posts at a central committee meeting on 6-7 February. Barak was charged with unspecified antiparty activities and criminal violations of socialist legality. The severity of the central committee's action against Barak suggests he may become the key scapegoat in a Czechoslovak version of "de-Stalinization." On 9 February additional personnel changes were announced,

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suggesting the possibility of further party and government  
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Pakistan: Openly expressed opposition to the Ayub regime, which began with student demonstrations in East Pakistan following the arrest of former Prime Minister Suhrawardy, has spread to West Pakistan. The West Pakistan High Court bar association has passed a resolution demanding that Suhrawardy be tried in a court of law. This throws much of the prestige

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of Pakistan's influential legal profession behind the current agitation and may give it new momentum.

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Czech Party Shake-up

The brief communique of the central committee session hints that Barak may be attacked for agricultural failures and lagging economic progress. It also suggests that he opposed the policies adopted at the 22nd CPSU Congress. His replacement as a deputy premier by a relatively unknown central committee industrial specialist suggests that his responsibilities for internal security and national defense may be assumed by party chief Novotny or apportioned among other older, more trusted leaders.

The US embassy in Prague has reported rumors of widespread arrests of other high-ranking party leaders.

The simultaneous replacement of Minister of Construction Oldrich Beran, who became prominent in 1953 at the same time as Barak, suggests the possibility of a future purge of persons associated with Barak.

Until recently Barak has been regarded as Novotny's heir apparent. US Embassy observers in Prague comment that Barak's disgrace may split the Czechoslovak party, but they feel that Novotny will retain his primacy.

Barak may have been one of the persons who were rumored to oppose Novotny's leadership in the fall of 1961. He has also been involved in a factional struggle against politburo members Hendrych and Simunek, both of whom experienced some loss of power as Barak rose to prominence.

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